

# Merry Christmas

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by

Bette'

In the Athletic Award Assembly the other day, Mr. Wiltse told of the friendliness he found in some of the school he visited while evaluating schools for the University of Michigan. He also made a request that the students of Ypsi High also show such friendliness to people visiting our school. This would promote an even better reputation for our school than we have now which is what we are striving for at all times.

BB

We are sorry Homeroom 308 and Miss Neville, but our story about your Thanksgiving basket was lost during vacation so it didn't make the last issue. We are still proud of the generous spirit your group showed by donating enough money to fill two baskets with lots of good things to eat for needy families in our city.

BB

At last we can all breathe a sigh of relief and forget school for two whole weeks. After such a restful (?) vacation, we can all return to school and look forward to semester exams which will be held on January 25 and 26.

BB

It seems that some of the YHS students have spent as much time at parties this week as they have in school. Those students who belong to several clubs may have been fortunate enough to go to a party every night this week. Maybe it's a good thing that we have such a long vacation so there will be time to recuperate.

BB

Many of the students of Ypsi High have contributed the stories and poems that are printed in this issue of *The Sem*. Did you know we had such talented persons among us?

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The Sem Staff wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we hope to see you all next year!!!



Once upon a time there was born a baby who grew up to be a Great Teacher.

His lessons were easy and simple to understand but hard to follow. He taught that all men were equal.

He taught that we should do to others what we would have done to ourselves.

He taught that it is wrong to cheat or steal or lie.

He taught that we should try to grow better each day.

He taught that if we do wrong and are really sorry we will have another chance.

He taught that we should live in peace with all Mankind.

He taught that we should serve and not always want to be served.

He taught many other things necessary for a good and full life and

... for that reason we celebrate his birthday every 25th of December.

On this Christmas may we all learn more thoroughly the lessons he is teaching.

Ernest H. Chapelle

## Seniors Sponsor Christmas Party

One of the season's gayest holiday parties was sponsored last night by the Senior Class. Guests and students alike proclaimed it the "Hit of '48".

Decorated with Christmas trees sparkling with ornaments the gym presented a festive aire. The bandstand was Santa's sleigh and Santa himself stood beside it. An eight foot beautifully decorated tree stood opposite the bandstand with four smaller decorated trees in each corner.

Dancing to the smooth music of Del Elliott's orchestra was enjoyable. Refreshments of Christmas tarts were served.

## Art Students Picture Yule Tide

Christmas is only about a week away, and it seems that everyone is getting into the holiday spirit. If you have been by the art room lately, you will probably have noticed a display in the window which was done by the Third Year Art Class under the direction of Mrs. Blanche Heddle.

The scene is in the true Yule-tide spirit. Dark blue forms the background for the exhibit. At the left side is a church, while at the right there is an old-fashioned house. To the right of the people is a lamp post of ancient design. The entire scene was done in paper sculpture.

## Audience Delighted At Christmas Vespers

The annual Vespers will long be remembered by those who attended last Sunday afternoon. Those who participated in this memorable event were from the combined choruses, the choir, which is a select group from the fourth and sixth hour choruses, and the seventh grade chorus.

The program opened with an overture from the high school orchestra: "At Christmas Tide" by Herfurth. This was followed by the Christmas Scripture reading by Charles Resetar, and Jim Christos. The fanfare was played by Dan Baugey, Dick Delano, and Edward Babcock. The procession was then started to the strains of "Adeste Fidelis".

The selections included in the program were: "Silent Night" by Gruber and "In Bethlehem's Lowly Manger" by Williams, both by seventh grade chorus. "Christ Was Born on Christmas", Scholin, Seventh grade chorus, choir and combined choruses. "Childe Jesus", a Christmas Cantata by Clokey, Joanne Wilson, soprano soloist. "Carol of the Bells" by Leontovich-Wilhousky given by the choir. "O Holy Night", Karlin Johnson, soprano soloist. Overture from Christmas Cantata by Bach was played by the orchestra.

The concluding number given by the combined choruses was a Christmas Cantata entitled "The Wondrous Story - Koutz. Nathan Judson, tenor; Dorothy Houck, alto the featured soloists.

This excellent program was made possible through the efforts of Mr. Herbert Fry, Mr. George Cavender, and Miss Mary Alice Duncan. Mrs. Arthur Collins accompanied the seventh grade chorus.

## Yellowstone Park Viewed in Movies

Last week the students enjoyed an outstanding assembly sponsored by the A.A.A. of Michigan. Very many interesting facts about our country were told by Jim Welch, The Old A.A.A. Traveler.

He informed us that there are two places in the United States where the American flag can be flown, legally, both night and day. These two places are at the burial place of Francis Scott Key, and at the Ancient City of Gold, in New Mexico.

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## JESTER



What's the younger generation coming to? The other day in Kresge's dime store under the wondering eyes of the public appeared a group of three boys playing with toys. These boys were winding up toy dogs and playing with dump trucks and cars. The boys although we hate to admit it were a senior and two juniors by the names of Bill Buck, Ed Ellis, and Lee Wynn.

## MEDITATION

We should be grateful to "Ypsi" we know  
For often her wisdom has saved us from woe

She's taught us to obey her golden rule  
Ever since the day we started school  
Her counsel it's folly to wish on a star  
Or fall neath the spell of dreams afar  
As only work, toil, sweat, and tears  
Yes, we should always be grateful for all  
that she's done

For inside of "Ypsi", we had loads of fun!

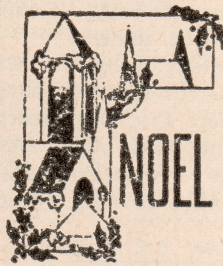
Mary Lou Kinsel

## On The Book Shelf

Here are some new books that are just waiting to be read: "Family Circle" is an intimate view into the lives of the famous Skinner family of the stage. It is told in the unmatched manner of Cornelia Otis Skinner, the co-author of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Older students will like "Big Freeze" by Bellamy Patridge. It gives a brilliant picture of life in New York a hundred years ago that is completely authentic.

You junior division students will be interested in "Martha, Daughter of Virginia" by Marguerite Vance. This is the story of the life of Martha Washington, the wife of our first president. Martha, at sixteen, was the belle of Williamsburg. At twenty-six, a widow and mother of two children. Her wedding to the handsome Col. Washington was the social event of all Virginia.



Again it is Christmas-tide, the season of love and laughter, but in this modern day the solemnity of Christmas is turning more to hilarity. Too many of us fail to realize that on December 25, we are celebrating Christ's birth.

We are inclined to forget the scene of the first Christmas.

There was the star shining in the dark to show the shepherds the way to the manger, where the Christ Child was born. The kings who brought rich gifts to the little Savior! The angels, who sang their carols through the night, telling their message to the world!

In our celebrations of this beautiful and sacred festival we must not forget to rejoice and praise God for that first Christmas. As we trim our trees, exchange gifts, and sing carols, may the true Christmas Spirit be present. Let it be a season of glad tidings, of peace and good will towards men.

by Dorothy Houck

## Prince of Peace

Snow, falling softly,  
Forms a whiteness everywhere  
That glistens in the radiance from above.  
The cities of the world lie hushed, serene,  
Their petty grievances and fears  
Forgotten now.  
It is the birthday of the King.

A church bell, sounding in the distance,  
Breaks the peaceful, wondering stillness,  
Calling all from far and near  
To worship Him, our Christ and Savior.  
Men on earth join in a chorus  
That transcends unto the heavens  
And is echoed gloriously  
By a joyous angel choir.

Let the hearts of men hold always  
Love and faith  
And hope and peace.  
Let them not forget the coming  
of the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Joanne Wilson

## PROPHECIES OF '49

by Patti

As I gaze into my crystal ball the haze begins to disappear. It becomes clearer and clearer. Ah — I see there is great work ahead not only for the students, but also for the teachers as well. Yes, Ypsilanti High School is going to have semester exams. I can see that the majority of students will fair quite well.

Another vision is appearing. Many speech contests, including declamations and orations, are going to be held in the spring. Not only contests, but also the 6-B Play Festival will also be held.

I can see there will be many activities to keep the students entertained. Not only will there be two big formal dances but also a sponge week party. This will intrigue the girls because Leap Year will be over.

My crystal ball seems to be fading out, but I can see great festivities will be enjoyed celebrating the centennial of Ypsilanti High School. This celebration will be concluded with the graduation of the centennial class.

My crystal ball will show no more so here I shall end and let you be surprised by the rest.

## Chit-Chat

By PAT

It seems the girls have done quite well in sports this year, from the looks of the gold footballs they are wearing. They did tackle their men you know!

Several of the girls are getting jobs during the Xmas vacation so that they can get that "special" guy something real fine. Do you think maybe some of them are expecting something real fine (and sparkly) too?

What happened to the orchestra last Thursday? As I went by the auditorium no sweet sounding chords broke forth, but a look of ? did creep over Mr. Caven-der's face.

I wonder where I can find a nice big stocking to hang over the fireplace on Xmas Eve.

I wish to extend to everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in '49!



Soon the first of January will be here and a new year will have started. During the coming months we will struggle ceaselessly to preserve and strengthen the hard won peace.

Through this great effort we hope that all the nations of the earth will come to a better understanding of each other and the things for which they stand, and until this understanding is reached, there can be little hope for the cooperation and helpfulness so desperately needed. And finally, it is our fervent prayer that the new year will find all the peoples of the world whether young or old, rich or poor, with a spirit of good will toward their fellow men.

## CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas time is drawing near  
The days are whizzing on,  
The merriest time of every year  
The days of joy and song.

The snow is heaped upon each tree  
Carols are heard in the air,  
Children, each one, are hoping to see  
Saint Nick when he comes there.

Christmas Eve comes still and white  
Not one sound is heard,  
Then Christmas morn breaks forth so bright  
Hurrah! It's here! Is the word.

Joanne Bailey

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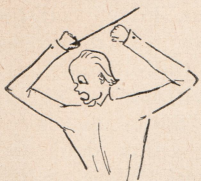
## Yuletide Spirit Marks Assembly

In keeping with the Yuletide spirit the annual Christmas assembly was given Thursday of this week by the music department of the high school. The program was opened with the overture, "At Christmas Time" composed by Herfurtn, by the orchestra. This was followed by a scripture reading by Charles Resetar and James Christos. The trumpet fanfare announcing the entrance of the choirs was played by Dan Baughey, Jim Christos, Dick Delano and Edward Babcock. As the choirs marched in, they sang "Adeste Fidelis" accompanied by the orchestra.

The seventh grade choirs, standing on the stage, sang "Silent Night" by Gruber and Wilson followed by "In Bethlehem's Lowly Manger" by Williams.

The A Cappella then proceeded to the stage and sang a Christmas Cantata, "Childe Jesus" by Chokey. The songs in the Cantata were "The Promise," "Mary's Lullaby" a solo by Joanne Wilson accompanied by the Choir, and "Adeste Fidelis." The Cantata was followed by "Carol of the Bells" by Leontovich and Wilhousky, and a solo by Karlin Johnson, "Cantique de Noel" by Adam. This part of the program was concluded with the overture "Christmas Canta," a composition by Bach by the string orchestra. The accompanists for the choirs were Miss Bernice Campbell and Mrs. Arthur Collins.

The assembly was concluded with singing of Christmas songs led by Mr. Fry.



The fourth and sixth hour choruses, A Capella Choir, orchestra, and the seventh grade chorus participated in the annual Christmas vespers held Sunday, December 12 at four o'clock.

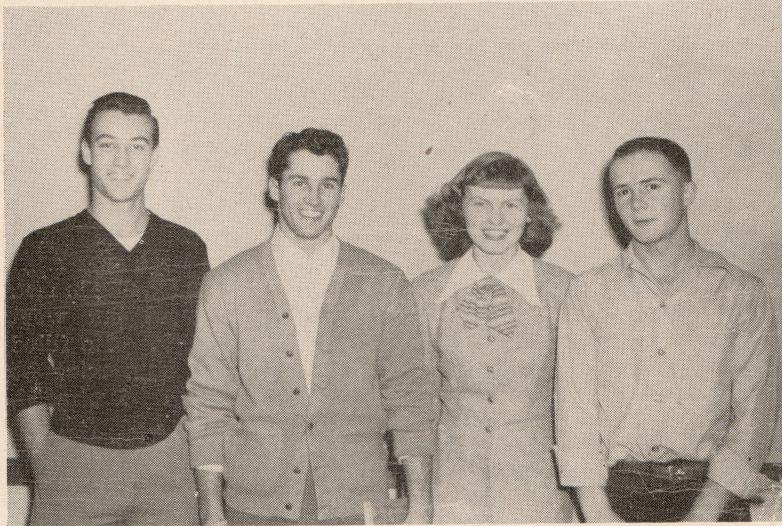
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The Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps and the Boys' Marching Band survived the Christmas parade. Marching against the cold bitter wind they were thankful for the hot chocolate which awaited them in the cafeteria.

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Many times in the past years Bernice Campbell has played for the enjoyment of our students. For the past three years she has accompanied the choruses and our local high school talent in assemblies and ovtr the air. At the present time Bernice is playing on a program over W.H.R.V., accompanying juveniles on a talent show. For the many times you have played for school activities, we all say, "Thanks, Bernice."

## Council Officers Attend Conference



The Student Council officers are Richard Barney, president; Don Wallace, vice-president; Donna Peebles, secretary; and Dale Schaffer, treasurer.

On the tenth of December some of the members of the Student Council were invited to a mass meeting of Student Councils from various surrounding cities.

Roosevelt High School instigated the meeting which was held at the local Lutheran Church.

In the morning a general assembly was held and then the participants divided into smaller groups. In the smaller meetings problems confronting all high schools were discussed.

At noon the members were

served lunch by a few girls from Roosevelt School.

In the afternoon the meeting disbanded and those attending came back to their own schools more enlightened of the problems which face other schools.

Those members attending the meeting from Ypsilanti High School were: Don Wallace, Nancy Marushak, Dick Barney, Dale Schaffer, Zadok St. John, Pete Dyer, Joe Webb, and their sponsor Miss Gertrude Murray.

## CLUB NEWS

Since Christmas is so near, all the clubs have had parties; and, incidentally, everyone had a good time. Here are the details:

**Latin Club:** The Latin Club held their Christmas party Wednesday, December 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p. m. in the lunchroom. Gifts were exchanged, games were played, and Christmas carols were sung in Latin. Miss Lidke topped off the party with a treat of popcorn balls.

**Thespian Society:** The Thespians held their party on December 15 at Norman Ball's. They also had a short business meeting.

**Honor Society:** Thursday, December 9, the Honor Society had what is called a progressive dinner. The first course was eaten at Mrs. Lockwood's, the salad course at Anne Ragan's, the main course (a ham dinner) at Frances Wolter's, and the desert at Marlene Moffett's. After dinner was over, gifts were exchanged.

**Sem Staff:**.. Tuesday, December 14, the Sem Staff had a potluck Christmas party at Betty Mead's. Everyone left with a full stomach. Isn't it too bad Christmas comes but once a year?

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"Red" Barron narrated a motion picture in beautiful technicolor on Yellowstone National Park, beside animals running wild in the park, there are many streams, hot springs, and geysers. The most famous of geysers is Old Faithful.

## GREETINGS

Many, many years ago a new light broke forth upon our world and with it came the greatest blessing that has come to man, the birth of Jesus Christ. The Star of Bethlehem heralded his coming. His coming enlightened the world. It made it possible for boys and girls, and men and women to live lives in Peace and Goodwill. As the Christmas Season approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus may we do so with the full realization of its true spiritual significance and with a firm conviction that Peace and Goodwill must come to us soon.

Norris G. Wiltse

## "I Resolve —"

It's resolution time again!! At least that is what I found out as I was wandering down the hall. I overheard some students and teachers discussing their New Year's Resolutions. Upon inquiry this is what I was told.

Lee Wynn — thinks they're silly.  
Jo Ann Fanslow — Stop flirting with my twin. (Could this be Zadok?)

Bernice Campbell — Doesn't think she needs to make any.

Miss Davis — To be easier on my students this next year. (Big joke!)

Anne Ragan — Give up boys. (Is it possible?)

Donna Mead — Keep out of the old maid's club this year.

Eugene Mills — Become eligible (for sports, that is.)

Shirley Evans — Get better acquainted with certain people in Detroit.

Joan Spannuth — Stay out of trouble.

Russell Hines — Stay out of the way of trucks. (Could it be the other way around?)

Miss Crothers — Have more patience with those students who don't get their homework done.

Frances Wolter — Make all my time available for that certain person.

Coach Deetz — Try to get Earl Sonoc to study his English.

Violet Borgerson — Doesn't tell her resolutions. (Are they that bad?)

Don Congdon — Try to overtake Dan Baughey on a straightaway.

Roberta Benson — Try to make the 8:25 bell.

Darrell Trotter — Get better marks or else.

Mr. Ritchie — Get to New York more than twice a year. (I wonder why?)

Charles Resetar — Stop taking advice from others. It gets me into too much trouble.

Phyllis Kelly — Keep my eyes straight ahead. (While marching, that is.)

Nancy Sturm — Won't drive our car anymore.

## "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

OR

## Christmas Shopping Will Soon Be Over

At last the most exciting holiday of the year is drawing nigh. The time for one and all (and this means you) to begin their Christmas shopping.

After thinking and thinking of what to buy, and not getting anywhere, you finally decide to start out.

Getting off the bus you step into the newly fallen snow. The Christmas Carols coming from the loud speakers put you in gay Christmas spirits.

You pass through the revolving door into the jammed store. Shoving to reach the elevator you find a very long line of people

waiting to use it, thus you decide to take the stairs.

Finally succeeding in getting all your gifts purchased, you start to leave. You just happened to make the revolving door as some little "Kids" are coming through. Well, you know how "Kids" are. Thus forgivingly you pick yourself and packages off the sidewalk and look for your bus. There's a long line for the bus, so you start walking. Even though your tired and cross as you leave the crowds of the city your heart is filled with happiness as the music—"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" fades with each step.



# "Dear Santa Claus" *T'was The Night Before Christmas*

"Santa Claus is coming to town he's making a list and checking it twice gonna find out whose naughty and nice." Santa has been having trouble making this list, so I, being a good little elf, was sent last night to find out what the students of Ypsi High School wanted for Christmas this year. Here are a few answers to my questions.

Bruce Wallace — I'm-a-no-gonna-say.

Bernice Campbell — somebody nice from Belleville (from what I hear she already has him)

Marjorie Miller — anything (with anything to choose from I'm sure Santa will find something)

Mrs. Ragan — I asked for a fur coat last year and didn't get it so I'll just ask for a new car this year.

Charlene Niles — Carl

Phyllis Schaab — my ideal (now who could that be)

Harold Nass — an airplane to fly up north. (if you wait until after Christmas maybe you can fly back with Santa Claus in his sleigh)

Betty Russell — a hope chest to put my hope in

Roberta Benson — I want a man

John Baker — Bop, Boogie and Blues (does anybody know what he means)

Dolores Beaudet — a completed research paper.

Wayne Strohl — my two front teeth

Joanne Wilson — Mink upholstery for my kiddy-car

I'll send this list right to the north pole but I think cupid should be notified for a few of these orders. I'm sure if all of you have been good children Santa will do his best to give you what you want.

## Radio Review

On Tuesday, December 7, a very interesting panel discussion on the subject: "Should We Read Comic Books" was given as a radio program over W.P.A.G. Peter Fletcher, the moderator, Jim Christos, Elda Utley, Elaine Hayden, James Jacobs, and Joanne Townsley, very ably carried on the discussion. They based their opinions both Pro and Con on points of view that they found in our many leading periodicals. Reader's Digest, Teacher's Digest, Woman's Day, Time Magazine, Good Housekeeping, and newspaper news stories were used for research. They also found material in the various types of comics on the newstands of today.

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, an instrumental musical radio program was given over W.P.A.G. The program included the String Trio consisting of Karlin Johnson, Patti Wiltse, and Joanne Wilson. Fayrene LaFleur played a clarinet solo, "Concertino", by von Weber, and Jane Stoltz also took part by playing a violin solo, "None But the Lonely Heart" by Tchaikovsky. Both solos were accompanied by Ann Lurkins.

by Ed Ellis

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, only Dad, Mother, Joe, Jim, Uncle John and Mary. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that the washing would soon be dry. The children were nestled all snug in their beds while visions of deviltry danced in their heads. While out on the lawn I heard such a clatter; I rushed to the window to see what was the matter. Gee! I wish the "Old Man" would be more careful about getting in nights. What to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. First lollypops, now Santa Claus, I'd better watch that.

## CHRISTMAS

When Christmas is in the air,  
It brings exciting thoughts about  
a joyful affair,

The church bells are ringing  
The children are singing,  
And Santa his toys soon will be  
bringing.

In the window old Santa will  
peep,

And there where the children are  
fast asleep

In he comes carrying his bag full  
of toys,

That to small hearts are sure to  
bring joys.

It's morning and the children  
awake,

Mother has the pies in the oven  
to bake.

Now it's time for the tree, that is  
laden with toys.

Things for good little girls and  
boys.

Father a pipe, Mother perfume,  
Something for everyone in the  
room.

Sister a doll and brother a ball —  
Beautiful gifts both big and small,  
bringing a Merry Christmas to  
All.

James Russell and Alvin Shelton

## Centennial Stationery Purchased by Students

Stationery has been used many times to commemorate famous people and places. So when Ypsi High's Centennial arrived the Centennial committee decided it would be nice if our one-hundredth year could be publicized by the use of stationery.

On both the paper and the envelope are two drawings ably done by Bill Hawes, in purple ink, one of our traditional colors. One drawing is of the Seminary, in which Ypsi High got its start in 1849. The quotation beside it was written by Louis Kossuth, a Hungarian patriot whose first concern was for higher educational standards. The other drawing is of the tower on our present building. The second quotation was

With a little driver so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be The Lone Ranger. More rapid than eagles, his coursers they came. He whistled and shouted and called them by name. Now, Silver, now, Seabiscuit — and there they go around the turn, it's banana with the bunch, newly weds with large apartment and mother-in-law moving in fast. He said not a word but went straight to his work. He filled all stockings but from mine he turned with a jerk. I pleaded, but he said, "No." I begged, but he said, "No." But "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" so I can wish you Merry Chrisssss, Merry Chrisssss, Merry Chrisssss. Oh! for goodness sake! Happy New Year!



When I was but a little boy,  
How well I recollect,  
The fact that my dad was Santa  
Claus  
I never did suspect.

I often wondered how he knew  
When Santa Claus was broke,  
But every time I asked him  
He'd say "Son this is no joke."

I knew my dad was pretty smart,  
Of that I had no doubt,  
But when he said Santa had run  
short of trains  
I wondered just how he found out.

Along with the thoughts of  
Christmas,  
Comes a vivid memory.  
Of how the whole family would  
go each year  
In search of a Christmas tree.

Mother would take us from place  
to place;  
She looked at every tree,  
And what she could find wrong  
with them  
Was more than I could see.

Finally Dad would grab a tree  
And say "Come on let's go,  
I'm getting tired of standing  
around  
Freezing my feet in the snow."

After what seemed like years we  
arrived with the tree  
And stood it in the hall,  
But it bent over at the top.  
You see it was too tall.

Dad said, "Son go get the saw  
I'll fix this thing right now."  
Mother said, "Don't cut off to  
much,

written by our own Mrs. Jack  
Lockwood.

All students should buy, send,  
and give our Centennial station-  
ery to help make Ypsi High's Cen-  
tennial known around the world.

## FRENCH CHRISTMAS

by Terry Peebles

Christmas in France is considered a children's feast, but New Years is the time when they exchange gifts. The custom for the children is to put their shoes near the fireplace on the night of December 24, before they go to bed or to Midnight Mass. "Pere Noel" (Father Christmas) or better known as "le petit Jesus" (little Jesus) comes through the chimney and fills up the shoes with gifts, most of the time unwrapped. He brings such gifts as tangerines, oranges and lollypops. Naughty children are supposed to find only a bunch of sticks in their shoes, but this does not seem to happen often, because the scare makes them good for some time before Christmas.

It is customary in France to have somewhere in the house a little "creche", especially where there are young children. This creche is made up with little statues of the Christ Child in the manger, the Virgin, St. Joseph, the Kings and animals. Christmas trees have been imported from abroad in recent years, but are not a French custom.

It is customary in France, for Christmas and New Year meals to eat turkey stuffed (without bread) with chestnuts, goose liver and truffles. Truffles and foie-gras are also usual dishes at that time of the year.

In the north of France, instead of Christmas, the feast of Saint Nicholas is celebrated on the 6th of December. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, and is represented very much like our Santa Claus, with a long white beard and a basket over shoulder filled with toys. The children who believe in him or Father Christmas, know that he travels on clouds and comes down through the chimney with lightning swiftness. No visits are paid to Santa as in America. Children either mail their letter at the Post Office, or leave them in the fireplace where it is picked up by Pere Noel or the petit Jesus.

Are you sure that you know  
how?"

I knew Dad was a little peeved,  
But he didn't say a word.  
At least he didn't say anything  
That any of us heard.

First they'd set it one place,  
And then they'd try another.  
It was the same thing every year  
And what a time "Oh brother".

By the time we had moved it  
Around here and there,  
The floor was a mess  
And the branches were bare.

I think that when I build a home  
That is, if my wife will agree,  
I'll save myself some headaches  
With a built in Christmas tree!

by Bob Fortney



## Seniors Lead List of Honor Students

### SENIORS

**Highest Honors**—Joanne Bailey, Bernice Campbell, Dale Dolph, Norma Jean Frentner, Florence Fish, William Hawes, Betty Mead, Marlene Moffett, Betty Russell, Loren Schmid, Frances Wolter, Shirley Daze, Harold Nass, Joanne Townsley, Jo Ann Fanslow, Patti Wiltse, and Joanne Wilson. **With Honor** — Richard Barney, Marilyn Bischoff, John Braykovich, Jack Bush, Jim Christos, Dorothy Davis, Shirley Evans, Elbertha Garnett, Peggy Harrison, Elaine Hayden, Dorothy Houck, Dolores Milne, Anne Ragan, Cliff Ramey, Norman Roberts, Richard Roberts, Zadok St. John, Shirley Trigg, Suzanne Van Sickle, Don Wallace, Patricia Webb, Betty Wilcher, James Jacobs, Ronald McRipley, and Karlin Johnson.

### JUNIORS

**Highest Honors** — Carol Barney, Evelyn Biggs, Faith Cook, Marian Green, Illah Heiser, Bonnie Martin, Nancy Marushak, Betty McKinstry, Donna Pebbles, Evelyn Sipe, Bruce Wallace, Betty J. Williams, Mary Scheffler, and Peter B. Fletcher. **With Honor** — Marilyn Bennett, Clarence Chambers, Marilyn Furtney, Carolyn Gambill, Nathan Judson, Patricia Ketchem, Francis C. McIntyre, Grace Mills, Dorothy Olsen, Richard Oltmanns, Rosemary Seidl, Elda Utley, Betty Watling, and Raymond Schultz.

### SOPHOMORES

**Highest Honors**—Janet Bastian, David Darby, George Griffiths, Joyce Harvey, Fayrene LaFleur, Kathleen Lathers, Phyllis Schaab, Atha Scharp, Jane Stoltz, and Nancy Weinmann. **With Honor** — Mildred Arnold, Phyllis Kelly, Dolores LaBute, Ann Lurkins, Janet McCollough, David Robb, Denzer Burke, Dan Glenn and Shirley Fetter.

### NINTH GRADE

**Highest Honors** — Donna Fitzgerald, Alice Ensign, Marjorie Ann Miller, and Dick Helmer. **With Honor** — Jane Ann Fairbanks, Mary Jo Scrivens, Junior Smith, Howard Turner, Jack Wheeler, Glenn Smith, and Lorraine Schoolmaster.

### EIGHTH GRADE

**Highest Honors** — Bob Bradley, Betty A. Curtis, Barbara Jacobson, Ingrid Johnson, Lorenz Kisor, David Rorabacher, Harold Sipe, Larry Smith, Peggy Stribley, Barbara Struble, Gerald Turner, and Judy Weinmann. **With Honor** — Stanley August, Dick B. Bailey, Marna Dawson, Jerry Dolph, Mary Gimson, Georgia Horne, Bobby Massey, Robert Meyer, Marilyn Mott, Dean Myers, Frank Raines, A. Warren Schrader, Joe Seidl, Marlene Skelt, Irma Varner, and Jo Anne Whitman.

### SEVENTH GRADE

**Highest Honors** — Thomas Curtis, Esther Gill, Mary Ann Gleason, Janet Howard, Roger Mulholland, Elsie Reynolds, and Millicent Sinden. **With Honor** —

## Debate Squad Concludes Season



Elijah Rowrey, Arthur Liang, Peter Fletcher, Joyce Hawks, William Hawes, Evelyn Sipe, Nancy Marushak, and Bonnie Martin. The coach is Mrs. Jack Lockwood.

The Ypsilanti High School Debate Squad traveled to Wayne on December 1. After two very close debates, the Ypsi negative team won while the Ypsi affirmative lost. The following week Ypsilanti was host to Trenton's excellent debaters. This time the Ypsi affirmative won and the Ypsi negative lost. This now gives our debaters a record of four wins and four losses.

The entire squad is now feverishly working day and night to

prepare for their final league debate clash of 1948 when they travel to Redford Union on December 15. If Ypsi can win both of these debates, the squad can participate in the statewide elimination contest.

One of the biggest incentives for the debaters to win has been the offer of a big dinner put on by Coach Lockwood if they win their last two debates. If they don't win, Coach Lockwood says they can have bread and water.

## SANTA CLAUS FINDS A REMEDY

by Billy Price

Imagine my delight when mother informed me that she planned to take me to see Santa Claus. I was just a little boy then. Immediately, I sat down to make out my list, of course, mother helped me.

I was so thrilled I could hardly sleep that night. When I finally did fall asleep, I dreamed of Santa Claus and toy land. The next morning after breakfast we headed for the big department store. There were many interesting people. The most interesting one of all was Santa Claus!

Santa Claus was sitting in a big chair. He asked me to come and sit on his knee. I was a little bashful at first, but mother told me to climb upon his lap. I was a little fat boy and it was difficult for Santa Claus to lift me. I thought that I might help. I pulled myself up by grabbing his whiskers. To my great amazement they came right off! I asked Santa Claus "why?" He said that he had been losing hair that winter and that was probably

Norma Blackmore, Jim Bush, Patricia Capatanos, Joyce Dennis, Amy Eardley, Valerie Harden, Janis Jensen, Marguerite Keeney, Bobbie Madison, Ardea Meyer, Shirley Mass, Georgina Motion, Patsy Myers, Patricia Pedersen, Larry Powers, Nancy Rainey, JoAnne Scharbat, John Simpson, Helen Southgate, Jacquelyn Wisinger, and June Payne.



the reason. Then I began to cry. I didn't want Santa Claus to lose all his hair. He and mother assured me that they were quite sure he wouldn't lose all of it. When Christmas morning came, I found a note and an extra large apple from Santa Claus telling me not to worry any more, that he had found some tonic that had stopped his hair and whiskers from falling out. Then I really was delighted!

## CHRISTMAS-TIME

Christmas-time is full of cheer, With all the joys of a glad New Year.

There will be presents and games and prizes galore, There will be cakes and ice cream and even more.

Trees all decorated and glowing with light, These are the symbols of His Holy night.

There will be Santa, the reindeer and, of course, the sleigh, For they must finish their work before Christmas day.

The stockings, bulging with candy and toys, All ready for the good little girls and boys.

So count all your many joys and pray For the blessings you have on this Christmas Day.

Nancy Hawes

## Athletic Assembly Honors Fall Sports

The annual Athletic Awards assembly was held December 9 during the first hour. Mrs. Fry greeted us with organ selections, "Anchors Away", "The Victors", and "On Wisconsin". Present on the stage to take part in the program were Coach Ed Shadford, Principal Norris Wiltse, Coach Ralph Deetz, Coach Ron Isbell, and Captain Wayne Strohl.

Captain Strohl first led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Coach Deetz made the opening speech in which he introduced the new coach on our staff, Ron Isbell, who gave reserve letters to the second team in football. Following him Mr. Deetz awarded the cross country letters to the varsity and reserve track teams.

Next Faith Cook played an organ solo, "Poem". Then Coach Shadford was introduced, and in his following speech paid his respects to Daniel Muntean, assistant principal; Martha Wolter; the Grills' Drum and Bugle Corps; Mr. Fry and Mr. Cavender, music directors; the Boys' Marching Band; Messrs. Murray, Sinden, Bedford, Heyman, and Laurence for ticket sales and gate-keeping; and finally Sgt. Moore and the R.O.T.C., policing of the grounds. He also presented us with the interesting fact that in our 1948 football season, we scored 353 points to the opponents 32; in our three championship years the total of 830 points for YHS and 101 for opponents.

Mr. Wiltse made the final speech of the program after paying respect to Mrs. Haagenstad who takes care of athletic eligibility in the office, and giving honor to all who contribute to the success of our school activities.

The assembly was dismissed after Mrs. Fry accompanied us on the organ in the singing of the school song.

## Lettermen FOOTBALL

### VARSITY

R. Barney, T. Bates, L. Batterson, V. Bennett, J. Bush, R. Fortney, J. Hill, D. Hill, T. Hon, T. Hopkins, R. Hurdley, J. Jacobs, J. Kersey, H. Neely, D. O'Hara, L. Perry, R. Raham, N. Roberts, R. Roberts, C. Ramey, H. Rutledge Capt. Elect, D. Schaffer, E. Sonoc, W. Strohl - Capt., F. Walker, J. Walker. Managers — H. Britton, J. Fox, L. Slagenwhite.

### Reserve

R. Block, J. Brothers, R. DeLano, P. Dyer, E. Ellis, L. Gray, R. Hale, J. Hall, H. Hardin, J. Hardin, T. Harvey, J. Hawker, G. Hawks, R. Helmer, W. Jacobs, J. Katsefaras, F. Kessler, A. Lewis, E. Lincoln, J. Malcolm, R. May-

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# YHS Braves Win Opener

## Ypsi Basketeers Win Over Belleville

The Ypsilanti Basketeers opened their season with a victory over Belleville, 27 to 25.

The score indicates the story behind the game, it was a hard, fast ball game on the Belleville court with Ypsi coming out on top.

In the first period Ypsi took the lead with a slim margin and by half time Ypsi had run up a score of 18 points to Belleville's 13 points. At this point of the game Raham, Kersey, Hill, and Perry had all contributed points for Ypsi.

The third period found both teams fighting harder, and the score between the two teams became very close.

In the final period, with only one minute to play, Belleville tied the score. As the play progressed, Perry scored the last two points and Ypsi won 27 to 25. Dave Hill was high-score man for Ypsi.

The second team won 25 to 17. James Hall led the second team in scoring.

## Players Mentioned For All-State Honor

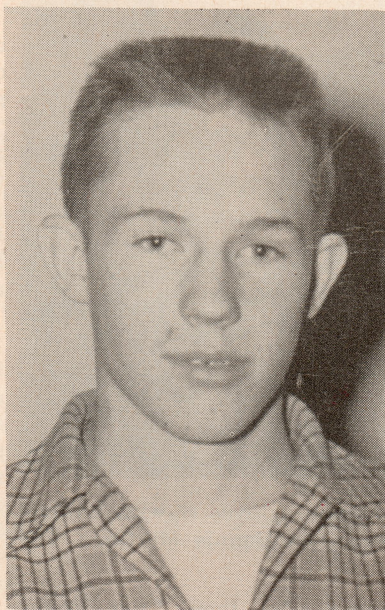
Congratulations go to three boys from the 1948 State Championship football team who were mentioned by the three Detroit Newspapers in their all-state selections. These boys, Dave Hill, Lowell Perry, and Wayne Strohl, deserve a lot of credit for making this a championship team.

Dave Hill's brilliant running throughout the season was outstanding. His three spectacular runs against the Pioneers from Ann Arbor enabled the Braves to run up a total of 21 points against A.A.'s 13. Hill was not only a great offensive threat but was a terror on defense.

Lowell Perry, the cagey field general of the Braves for the past two years, was also the Braves leading passer. Our school has never before had a keener signal caller. His ball-handling was so good that he was called by many — the Howard Yerges of Ypsi High. He was also the punter and averaged over 32 yards a kick, which is better than many college players.

Wayne Strohl held down two positions. He was center on the offensive team and moved to tackle on the defensive team. His leadership was one of the best. He proved to be a standout on defense and his best game was against Ann Arbor.

But whether or not these boys made the first team or just received honorable mention, they were always playing their hearts out on the field. And quoting the words of head coach Ed Shadford, "My all-state team would be The Ypsilanti High Braves."



Captain Zadok St. John

## St. John Leads Ypsi Swimmers

Students of Ypsi High, meet the captain of the '48-'49 swimming team, Zadok St. John. Zadok is a senior and has been on the varsity swimming team for three years. Due to an accident that resulted in a broken leg, he was unable to swim in his sophomore year. Being versatile, Zadok swam in about every race the sport has to offer. This year he is swimming the individual medley.

In the spring, when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, Zadok's turn to golf. He has played varsity golf for two years. St. John is not only a good athlete, but a good student as well. Lots of luck to you and your team during the '48-'49 swimming season!

## Volleyball Vampires

The Girls' Athletic Club elected Delores Seidl as their Volleyball manager for this year. At their meeting, November 23, they also discussed a fun night to be held with the Varsity Club sometime soon.

On December 3, the Seniors led by Willie Jean Allen played the Juniors, who were led by Tillie Person. The Seniors took the lead at first, 11-3, but then the Juniors came through, winning 21-18.

The Sophomores, having no captain, went into action against the ninth grade led by Edna Madison. The game was hard fought, but the Sophomores came through with the score of 21-9.

The next games scheduled will be played Friday, December 10. The Seniors will play the Sophomores, and the Juniors will play the ninth grade.

All games will start by 4:15. If the team is not ready, the game

## Community Honors YHS Football Team

The Varsity and reserve football teams, along with Coach Ed Shadford were again honored with a banquet Monday night, December 6. This banquet, which proved to be very successful, was sponsored by the citizens of Ypsilanti.

The master of ceremonies for the event, Dr. Lloyd Olds the Athletic Director at Michigan Normal College, introduced the principal speaker Mr. Bob Ivory, University of Detroit line coach, and the various other speakers of the evening. Among those speakers was the guest of honor, Mr. Willie Heston, who starred on Michigan's great football teams of 1901-1904. Coach Shadford gave a brief talk expressing his due regard for the team.

After the speaking formalities were over, each player on the varsity football squad was presented individually with a gold football with the letters "1948 Champions" inscribed on it.

Guests at the banquet were Dr. Eugene Elliott, president of Michigan State Normal College; Mr. Eugene Beatty, principal of Harriet School; Mr. Art Walker, athletic director of Roosevelt High School; Supt. Ernest Chapelle of the Ypsilanti Public School, Dan Muntean, and the coaches Ed Shadford, Ronald Isbell, Lou Batterson and Ralph Deetz.

## "In My Sock!"

Following the policy of the past few years, we will ask a few of the more famous athletes of YHS to tell us what they might want for Christmas this year.

Wayne Strohl — I won't say what he wants, but her initials are K. J.

Vic Bennett — Fur-lined coat.

Bob Fortney — Shirley Daze.

Dave Hill — A beautiful girl wrapped up in all the Xmas trimmings.

Norman Roberts — A weekend at the Waldorf with Roberta.

Lowell Perry — A state championship in basketball.

Dick Roberts — One unbreakable typewriter.

Bill Buck — A bottle of . . . pop.

Jack Bush — A butch haircut.

Dick Hurdly — Roof for my jeep.

Dale Schaffer — Model-T Ford and a gallon of gas.

Joe Kersey — Money.

Larry Batterson — Nothing. (He must be kidding.)

Coach Isbell — A new Cadillac.

We will talk to Santa Claus and see what he can do about getting a few of these gifts.

will be forfeited. These games are played on the twenty-one average, meaning that which ever team reaches twenty-one points first shall win.

## Strohl Locker Room Echoes Britton

Well Kiddies Christmas is almost here, and have you been thinking what you want for Christmas.

You see Harold and (yours truly) have been thinking what we want for Christmas, and we have decided that we want too much, but one thing that Santa can bring us is about six good sports writers that will get the stories in on time.

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Last Friday the current basketball and swimming season opened. I want to say that the swimming and basketball team will do more and go farther if the students of Ypsilanti High School will get out and root for both of the teams.

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I am happy to announce the captains for the 1949 football and cross country teams. The football team has honored Harley Rutledge who played a big part in this year's victory as the football captain for the next season. The Cross Country team has honored Lee Wynn who won at this year's State Cross Country Meet as their new captain.

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Congratulations to Coach Shadford and his assistants on the great showing of our 1948 state champion football team. This is the third year in a row Ypsilanti High School has taken the state class B championship and we certainly hope next year's team will follow in the footsteps of its predecessors.

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Two guests at our recent Varsity Club Banquet were Dick "Leahy" Wagner and Bob "Chrisler" Wagner. The twins coached Junior Division football and really did a good job. Ask Mr. Isbell's second team!

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If anyone would like to hear an after dinner speaker just get in touch with Lou "Wally Weber" Batterson and I am sure he will delight your guests with his very "witty" jokes. Telephone: Trinity 333 for information.

## VARSITY

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hawk, G. McCowan, F. McGarrity, R. Mida, Z. Miller, T. Osburn, G. Patterson, H. Quirk, A. Tumath, J. Webb, R. Yohn, R. Zdyb.

## Coaches

E. W. Shadford, Ron Isbell, Lou Batterson.

## CROSS COUNTRY VARSITY

J. Baker, W. Buck - Capt., D. Dolph, C. Miller, C. Oltersdorf, L. Schmid, R. Walker, B. Wallace, J. Wilcher, L. Wynn - Capt. Elect.

## Reserve

T. Bradley, G. Butler, T. Carver, C. Chambers, E. DuBois, J. Howling, R. Laing, P. Philbin, B. Price, R. Rankin, R. Rankin, L. Ridenour, C. Scheffler, D. Smith. Manager — J. Dolph.